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2021/22 VSBL Season

We had a fantastic opening weekend of the 2021/22 VSBL season, and although there were some washouts due to the rainy weather, many teams still got their first games in as the Victorian baseball community celebrated the return of summer ball.

With better weather forecast this weekend, we wish everyone the best of luck and hope all teams enjoy their upcoming games.

Catch up on the VSBL action [HERE](#) and view all fixtures, results, and standings [HERE](#). Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest VSBL news too.

2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria

As a reminder, tryout registration closes at midnight on Sunday 21 November for the 2022 National Showcase Series – Victoria. The showcase will feature data collection and gameplay at Melbourne Ballpark from Monday 10 January – Sunday 16 January 2022, with tryouts starting from the end of this month.

U16 and U18 teams will be finalised after the end of the tryout process in mid-December. Register [HERE](#) for the tryouts and learn more about the showcase [HERE](#).

Allan de San Miguel Named to Major League Coaching Staff

Congratulations to Allan de San Miguel on his new job with Kansas City Royals! After many years playing for Team Australia, Melbourne Aces, Sunshine Eagles, and Perth Heat, the Claxton Shield champ will join the KC Major League coaching staff in the 2022 MLB season.

A fan favourite across Victoria and all of Australia, Allan has spent five seasons in the KC minor league system and will now serve as a strategist and bullpen catcher for the Royals. We wish him all the best for his future in this well-earned appointment.

Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign

[Respect Victoria](#) will run the [Respect Women: Call It Out Campaign](#) during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence from 25 November - 10 December 2021.

Baseball Victoria joins Sport and Recreation Victoria and fellow grassroots sports in supporting this campaign, as everyone has a role to play in ending gender-based violence. Sport at all levels plays a key role in influencing positive behaviours and attitudes around gender equality, respectful relationships, and the prevention of gendered violence that reaches far beyond sport into the wider community.

Please read more about this important campaign and how to get involved and show your support [HERE](#).

[BV TV Training Videos](#)

While training and games are back in full swing, you can keep working on your baseball skills anytime with new training videos on [BV TV](#). Check out our [At-Home Baseball Training](#) throwing drills and our entire [Ramp Up to Play](#) video series, and also connect with us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball content from around Victoria and beyond.



[SRV Sporting Club Grants](#)

Applications are now open for the latest round of Sporting Club Grants, a Victorian Government funding program that supports new uniforms and volunteer/coach training for grassroots sporting clubs and organisations.

Clubs are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$2,000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers, and up to \$5,000 to improve club operations. Applications close 25 January 2022 – click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply today.

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

Baseball Victoria has saved 198 lives this year as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year. Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week, and we'd love to continue saving lives with the help of our baseball community. Please sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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